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SUBJECT: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - STUDY GROUP IN CHILE

REF: A) SANTIAGO 1323 B) SANTIAGO 1479

1. FONMINISTRY ISSUED STATEMENT MARCH 26 ON OCCASION OF CALL ON FONMIN CARVAJAL BY CHILEAN OBSERVERS AT RECENT GENEVA MEETING OF UNHRC. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, CARVAJAL APPROVED WORK OF REPS AND CONGRATULATED THEM. HE TOLD THEM GOC IS WAITING FOR OFFICIAL UN COMMUNICATION ABOUT GENEVA MEETING IN ORDER TO GIVE ITS "WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE" OF VISIT TO CHILE BY UNHRC STUDY GROUP. AUTHORIZATION FOR VISIT IS RESULT OF "SOVEREIGN DECISION" OF GOC, WHICH WILL MAKE KNOWN TO UN ITS BELIEF THAT DECISION IS "PRECEDENT AND EXAMPLE" FOR NATIONS THAT "BOAST" OF THEIR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES BUT SYSTEMATICALLY REFUSE TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO VERIFY IN THEIR TERRITORY "RESPONSIBLE ACCUSATIONS" OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

2. COMMENT: FONMINISTRY INITIALLY REACTED FAVORABLY TO UNHRC RESOLUTION ON CHILE (REF A); GOC THEN BACKED OFF (REF B) TO TECHNICAL POSITION OF NOT DECIDING UNTIL OFFICIALLY

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NOTIFIED, AND NOW GOC HAS DECIDED TO RECEIVE UNHRC STUDY

GROUP. WE ASSUME THAT MINISTRY INITIALLY TOOK FOR GRANTED THAT GOC WOULD RECEIVE GROUP, SINCE ITS OBSERVERS HAD COOPERATED WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS IN WORKING OUT UNHRC RESOLUTION; THAT HIGHER AUTHORITY INTERVENED TO IMPOSE A NEUTRAL POSITION WHILE MATTER WAS BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN GOVERNMENT, AND THAT CARVAJAL IN THE END PREVAILED WITH HIS RELATIVELY REASONABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD RECEIVING FOREIGN STUDY GROUPS.

3. RHETORIC ABOUT CHILE'S "SOVEREIGN DECISION" AND EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS PRESUMABLY IS INTENDED TO PLACATE THOSE CHILEANS WHO WANTED GOC TO REFUSE TO ADMIT GROUP.
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